(e) Nine persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

(f) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, various steps have been taken to contain such incidents, which include, *inter alia*, beefing up of security in Srinagar city and around, intensified checking at sensitive places through special nakkas, surprise checking of vehicles to thwart the evil designs of terrorists.

The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border terrorism/infiltation in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/ infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Funds Received by NGOs

*362. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) under his Ministry are in receipt of the Central funds;

(b) whether these NGOs are regularly submitting the required utilization certificates; and

(c) if not, what action Government are contemplating to take agaisnt the defaulting NGOs during 2005-06, till date, NGO-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Seventeen Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have been provided funds from the Export Development Fund for the North Eastern Region (EDF) for implementing projects for the promotion of exports. Two NGOs have been provided funds by the Tea Board for the welfare activties of tea plantation workers. Rubber Board for the implementation of different schemes. Additionally, trade bodies like the Federation of Indian Chambers

of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham) have also been provided funds under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) and Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Schemes for the implementation of specific projects to promote exports.

(b) and (c) Most such organizations are submitting Utilization Certificates (UCs) on a regular basis. However, further funds are not being released to organizations that have defaulted in the submission of Utilisation Certificates.

Export of Iron-Ore

†*363. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the companies that have been given approval for export of iron-ore;

(b) the quantum of iron-ore exported so far by these companies; and

(c) whether any import of iron-ore is also being made and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Iron ore is freely exportable, except high grade iron ore (+64% Iron content), which is under State 'Frading Regime through MMTC Ltd., High grade iron ore is also permitted for exports to mine owners/lease holders of iron ore mines against licences in pursuance of provisions under Foreign Trade Policy, 2004—2009. The Government granted permission to 17 such companies for export of High Grade Iron Ore (+ 64% Iron content) during the year 2005-2006 for a total quantity of 7.18 Million Metric Tonnes. List of companies is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Company-wise data on exports is not compiled. However, as per figures provisionally available for export of High Grade Iron Ore during the year 2005-2006 (upto January, 2006), 12.38 Million Metric Tonnes was exported from the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. Approximately, 3.2 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Iron ore (Iron ore and concentrates) was imported during 2005-06 (upto Sept, 2005).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.